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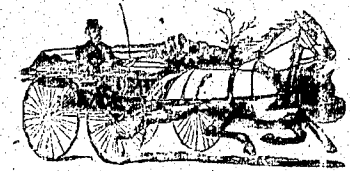
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U. S. DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

An Associated Press dispatch this afternoon announced that the United States had declared war on Germany.

Earlier reports indicated that the diplomatic relations between the two countries was at a breaking point and that President Wilson would hand out passports.

This report came just as we were about to go to press and the indications are that it is authentic.

It is believed break came about by Germany's warnings to neutrals of ruthless sea warfare, and warnings to Americans to keep off ocean liners.

LEGISLATORS VISIT GRAYLING

GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY RECEIVES OFFICIAL INSPECTION.

Work of Local Institution Receives Highest Praise.

Members of the Michigan Fish commission, the Senate Fish committee and the House Fish committee, made an official visit to the Grayling hatchery Saturday last. They arrived in the Fish Commission car at 12:55 a. m.

Those of the Fish commission were Supt. Seymour Bauer of Detroit, and Dwight Lydell of the Mill Creek hatchery near Grand Rapids. From the Senate committee were Chairman W. W. Smith, Traverse City; James Woods, Manistee, and Harvey Penney, Saginaw. Of the House committee were Chairman A. F. Anderson, of Omena; W. S. Ewing, Marquette; Godfried Gettel, Sebawaing; Capt. John Stephenson, Detroit, and J. E. Chew, Charlevoix.

Some of the officers of the Hatchery club met the visitors and an informal reception was held at the Social club rooms, after which the Hatchery was visited.

Superintendent Zalsman was on the job, as usual, and gave the junketers a good idea of the work he was carrying on here, and his hopes for future improvement and enlargement of capacity.

At present there are about three million eggs hatched and in the process of hatching. The outlook for a good season is first class, as there are very few dead eggs appearing in the lot.

In the ponds outside the hatchery the committees were shown hundreds of trout ranging from seven to ten inches, which were hatched here two years ago. The visitors were greatly pleased with the conditions of the local hatchery and feel that this institution is doing a wonderful work in the re-stocking of the trout streams of northern Michigan. Located as we are, fry can be planted in almost any of the streams within one hour from the time they leave the hatchery, thus delivering them in a healthy and prosperous condition. The main stream passes thru Grayling and boats leaving the East Branch upon which is located the Hatchery, can soon reach ideal planting waters. The North Branch is reached at Lovells by rail, after an 18 mile ride. The South Branch is reached by rail at Roscommon, 15 miles south, and also by auto, about 14 miles distant. The Manistee is reached by auto in about a half hour. Good rail conditions reach the Black, Sturgeon and Pigeon rivers within about an hour from the time the fry leaves the hatchery.

Many other streams are stocked, as well as those mentioned, from the Grayling hatchery and the results are already evident in the streams. This coming season is bound to be better than last year and each succeeding year is sure to see great improvement in the trout fishing, and finally Michigan will re-claim her own laurels in this line of recreation and sport.

The visiting committees were given a banquet at Shoppenagon's Inn at noon by the local officers of the Grayling Fish Hatchery club—Rasmus Hanson, president, and Marius Hanson, secretary and treasurer. After being heartily toasted by the guests, Mr. R. Hanson made a few very appropriate remarks relative to the aims and desires of the Hatchery club. Senator W. W. Smith, chairman of the joint committees, then took informal charge of the program and several warm and enthusiastic talks were given. The talks were confined almost entirely to matters pertaining to hatcheries. It was a general opinion that great work had been accomplished by the Grayling hatchery and that it should be materially encouraged to continue along the lines laid out.

The last hatchery visited had been at the Soo. Here, the committee was

informed, they would now be required to pay from \$300 to \$400 per month for water. In previous years this had been free. Senator Penney of Saginaw advocated the removal of that hatchery to some other good point, and suggested Manistique, in the Upper peninsula.

Supt. Bauer explained how the work of our hatchery was general and not local, as many supposed, its product reaching many streams even south of Saginaw. The reason why fry from the Grayling hatchery is preferred is because of our facilities for keeping them until they reach the size known as "fingerlings." They are then more able to provide for them and also the season is more advanced and the water is warmer. Instead of 90% of the fry dying, as they do in many instances, nearly all of them live and thrive.

Marius Hanson told of how the Grayling hatchery happened to become built. He said that many of the fishermen from outside cities owning valuable cottages on the local trout streams, were becoming discouraged over the scarcity of trout and the subsequent poor fishing. This prompted them to have a private hatchery to provide for the streams in their own territory. After much effort this was accomplished and now we are not only able to supply the local streams but also hatch a couple of million fry for the state each year. They are now capitalized for \$10,000 with \$9,000 paid in. The club soon found that trout eggs were expensive and that the maintenance fee required was much too low to keep up the work they desired. For the past two years the state legislature has appropriated toward the maintenance of our hatchery and thus we have been able to continue the hatching. In a very brief time Northern Michigan is going to be the recreation and play ground of the nation, thru just such efforts as are being made by the Grayling Fish Hatchery club.

T. Hanson told the visitors something about Grayling and Grayling people that made them sit up and take notice and he was strongly applauded. Several others gave brief talks which added pleasure to business and the occasion was much enjoyed by all present. The visitors departed for Lansing in the afternoon.

Senator Penney, who was among the Senate committee, it may be interesting to know, is the author of the "Rat-bounty bill," that was passed at the 1915 session of the State legislature. Most everybody is familiar with the act as it allows five cents bounty on each rat. This bill has been copied by several other states and Senator Penney's fame has reached far beyond the limits of his own state.

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Free lecture in auditorium Saturday night at 7:15.

Basket Ball

Cadillac vs. Grayling

At the High School Gymnasium.

Saturday Ev'g, Feb. 3

GRAYLING 73, KALKASKA 7.

Girls' Game 20 to 8 Favor Locals.

The Kalkaska high schools boys' and girls' basketball teams came to Grayling Friday and both were defeated by the local high school teams by large scores. There was good playing on both sides but the local teams proved themselves too strong for the visitors. The score was 20 to 8 in the girls' game and 73 to 7 in the boys' game.

GIRLS' GAME.

The Kalkaska girls were first to score and hardly had the score keepers time to record it when they made another basket. These were all they made in the first half. Grayling made 12 points in the first half. In the second half Kalkaska repeated their score by throwing two field baskets, and Grayling made four field baskets. The girls played a fast game and it was clean and free from fouls. Nina Petersen played a star game from start to finish, while others on the teams did good work.

BOYS' GAME.

The boys' game started out fast and furious and thruout both halves the ball was kept in the opponents' territory most of the time. Karpus for Grayling shot a couple of field baskets and also made a goal throw. Three field throws followed by Karpus, Shaganah and Doroh. Then Kalkaska broke into the score column by making a goal throw. Before the visitors scored again Doroh made two and Karpus one field throw. The visitors made a field throw. Karpus made a couple of more field baskets and one goal throw. Then Thompson scored and Karpus followed with three field baskets. This concluded the scoring in the first half, resulting 33 to 3 in favor of Grayling.

In the second half Grayling added 40 points and Kalkaska three. It started out with a lot of vim, Shaganah drawing the first count and Karpus the next. Then the visitors came in for a field throw and a goal throw. This ended the scoring for Kalkaska. Karpus then made nine baskets in succession, three of them being goal throws. Mielstrup made a pretty field throw, after which Karpus run up 12 baskets for a total of 24 points. The visitors made a goal throw just before the timers' whistle sounded.

While the scores in both games were very much one-sided, they were full of intense interest. Especially is this true in the boys' game. There was remarkably good team work during the entire game and at no time were there plays that were amateurish. The brilliant playing of Karpus was a great feature in the game, and he was backed up with great support by the other members of the team.

Kalkaska

Girls.

Vita Fischer L. G. M. Burwell
Glady's Everett R. G. M. Chaucy
Elsie Sparkes C. Helena Wood
Anna Peterson L. F. C. McDonald
Nina Petersen R. F. Eva Cramer
Fernie Armstrong S. C. Gladys Inman
Virginia Bingham Sub. Fernie Jenkins

Boys.

G. Thompson L. G. S. Allen
F. Shaganah R. G. & R. F. J. Burwell
C. Mielstrup C. F. Jenkins
A. Karpus L. F. E. Sherwood
C. Doroh R. F. A. Glazer
R. Case Sub. & R. G. C. Secley

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MRS. M. PETERSON DEAD.

Passed Away Suddenly While
Visiting in Manistee.

Mrs. Martin Peterson of this city died suddenly from paralysis at the home of her mother in Manistee at 5:00 o'clock Wednesday of last week, following a stroke of apoplexy at noon. Mrs. and Mrs. Peterson recently went to Manistee for a visit. Mr. Peterson was taking treatment from a physician for blood poisoning in one hand. Mrs. Peterson was shot to be in good health and the sudden stroke came as a great surprise to all.

She complained of a slight headache in the morning, which became worse as the day advanced. At 12 o'clock noon she was attacked by the stroke and never recovered her faculties. Death came in the late afternoon.

She is survived by her husband and seven children: Ernest of Seligman, Ariz.; William, Chicago; Mrs. Louis Wagner, Onaway; Bert, Cadillac, and Evelyn, Nellie and Leslie of Grayling.

The Petersons came to Grayling about three years ago and Mr. Peterson was employed in the Salling, Hanson company mill. They purchased the J. M. Bunting property on the corner of Chestnut and Lake street which had since been their home. Mr. Peterson was an experienced lumberman and for many years was manager of one of the large mills in Manistee. The family are well known both in Grayling and in Manistee and stand high in both communities.

The funeral was held Monday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Dora Wagner, 134 Eighth street, and the burial was in Oak Hill cemetery, Manistee.

HAS FINE POULTRY SHOW.

Dr. Whitaker Captures Prizes at
Bay City Poultry Show.

Dr. J. Atwood Whitaker of this city made quite a stir at the Poultry show at Bay City, which closed Monday night of this week, with his fine exhibit of pigeons. The exhibits were from Michigan and Ohio.

The Bay City Times Tribune, in stating about the pigeon exhibit, says as follows:

"The display of pigeons is so large that Monday evening all men interested in pigeons will meet at the show in the Windgate block about 8 o'clock and perfect plans for the organization of a pigeon club, which will join in and be a part of the local poultry organization. The pigeon club will take in members from all parts of Northern Michigan. Henry Sangrill of this city, cleaned up on most of the prizes for pigeons, over a big field of entries. Dr. J. A. Whitaker of Grayling sent down several rare birds, which had won prizes at the New York and Boston shows, but the prizes were awarded on points and the northern man did not have enough birds entered to get in on the money. Some of the rare species that he showed were the white Swiss Mondaine, golden buff yellow carmeaux, English exhibition homers and the white king."

Mr. Sangrill's exhibit comprised a variety of fancy pigeons, while the exhibit of Dr. Whitaker consisted of utility pigeons exclusively. Out of 16 possible first prizes Dr. Whitaker's birds won 15 first prizes. In his collection here he has three lots of foreign and three of American breeds.

A club, known as the Northeastern Michigan Pigeon association, was organized last Monday night, and at this time further honors were contributed upon Dr. Whitaker when he was elected their first president. Other officers are Godfrey Egstrom, vice-president and R. H. Schaffer, secretary and treasurer, both of Bay City.

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GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Will Organize a Ladies' Moose Club.

At an invitation from the members of the Loyal Order of Moose, their wives and friends accepted the privilege of spending an afternoon at their club rooms last week Thursday. About 45 ladies were present. Arrangements were made for afternoon meetings once each week, Wednesday being the day selected. The afternoons are spent in playing cards, dancing, playing pool and billiards and some of the ladies bring their sewing. They say they are having royal times and intend to continue the meetings. They met again yesterday afternoon and the next meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 7, from two to five o'clock. This will be limited to members wives only as the ladies wish to form a permanent organization at this time and elect officers and committees.

School Military Company Organized.

This paper announced some time ago that a military company was being organized from the high school. We are pleased to say that they have a company of thirty and are getting along finely in their practice drills. The company is officered as follows: Captain and drill master, Capt. W. M. Case, care taker of the military reservation; 1st lieutenant, Roy Case; 2nd lieutenant, Arthur Karpus. Non-commissioned officers were appointed at their meeting last night as follows: 1st sergeant, Carl Doroh and corporals, Grant Thompson, Waldemar Roeser, Gordon Chamberlain and H. Schmidt.

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Mr. N. P. Nelson.

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THE QUARTERBREED

A Tale of Adventures on
An Indian Reservation

By
Robert Ames Bennet

CHAPTER XX—Continued.

Mumbling an apology, Dupont hastily unfolded the deed, skimmed through it, and grasped the fact that it purported to convey to him a full half-interest in the mine. He had started to read it over more carefully when an oath from Vandervyn caused him to look up.

The younger man pointed along the coulee bank to where the road topped the spur ridge of the butte.

"The devil!" he exclaimed. "What brings him back here?"

"Cap! It sure is Cap!" muttered Dupont. "Nom d'un chien! You don't think he's got on to the game, do you?"

"Wouldn't do him any good if he had."

"Then why d'you think he's—"

"To enter the contest?" divined Vandervyn. "There's time enough to wire Washington and have him put under arrest for disobeying orders."

"Hold on!" cautioned Dupont. "What if he does try his luck? In the mountains there ain't no horse nor mare neither can break up your pinto combine."

Vandervyn's face cleared. "You ought to know, I'll chance it if—"

"Ain't no chance to it," put in Dupont. "It's a dead cinch."

"He'll think he's going to do me," exclaimed Vandervyn. "Let him register. He's come back for the mine first; then Marie. I don't want her to see him or to know he has come back. You have your deed. Suppose you start at once."

"If she's willing, I'll see," qualified Dupont. "Look out you don't slip up. I'll tend to my end. So long—good luck!"

He rode off down the butte side of the coulee.

Vandervyn cantered straight across, and met Hardy a few yards below the tent of the commissioners.

"Good day, captain," he spoke in civil greeting. "I am surprised to see you back here. Have your orders been countermanded?"

"No," replied Hardy with equal civility. "I have resigned."

Vandervyn could not conceal his blank astonishment. "Not—not resigned from the army?"

"Yes, I telegraphed the war department, received an answer, and mailed my resignation and application for leave of absence to my commanding officer at Vancouver barracks. As an officer it was not proper for me to enter the contest."

"Ah!" Vandervyn's smile gave place to a look of pained surprise. "So you intend to enter the contest. But do you think that quite honorable, captain, in the circumstances?"

"I do not care to discuss questions of honor with you, Mr. Vandervyn," replied Hardy with utmost coolness.

"That I can well understand," countered Vandervyn. "Knowing that we can make no protest, you intend personally to take advantage of the information that you pledged yourself to keep secret."

Hardy dismounted without replying, and placed himself at the end of the line of registering entrymen. The sun was far down in the sky when he came before the secretary's table, at the end of the line. Vandervyn rose from his easy seat to take a position behind him. The secretary hesitated and looked inquiringly at Vandervyn. He met with a nod to proceed.

"You wish to register?" came the curt question of the chairman.

"Yes," replied Hardy with equal curtness.

"Is an army officer entitled to enter the contest?" questioned the smallest commissioner.

"You need not debate the matter," said Hardy. "I have resigned my commission."

Again Vandervyn nodded, and there were no further objections raised. Hardy and he signed the register, and

made their thumb prints, and were duly described in writing by the secretary.

Hardy at once mounted his mare, and rode away up the coulee. He did not return until Vandervyn and the commissioners had left for the agency.

That evening he drew up the legal notices required in the posting of a mining claim, and paid three or four of the older prospectors to check them for errors. To all who inquired, he described the trail by which he had gone into the mountains, and frankly stated that he knew of none other that led to the nearest of the four prominent peaks which had been named as the corners of the mineral-land boundary.

The rest of the evening and most of the following day he spent in groom-

ing his mare. He gave her no grass and little water, but a good allowance of oats. Both morning and afternoon he took her out for short rides up the coulee, and each time repeatedly climbed and descended the bank. He did not cross over to the reservation side, much less go to the agency.

The day set for the opening dawned still and clear, with the promise of burning heat by noon.

After breakfast the more uneasy spirits began wandering about the camp or idling with their packs. Nearly all the older and more experienced men gave their ponies a feed of oats, and stretched out to lounge in the shade of their tents.

Two hours before the time set for the start Vandervyn appeared, and crossed over to the camp. He was riding his pinto and leading a pack pony. When the old prospectors saw his heavy-pick and shovel and large, poorly lashed pack of food and bedding, they cracked many dry jokes on the grand chances of the tenderfoot. Their own picks and shovels were as light as such tools could be made without impairing their efficiency, and their packs were as lean as Vandervyn's pack was swollen.

Hardy alone divined the deceptive mockery of his rival's cumbersome display. But he was bound by his word and could say nothing. It was he, and not Vandervyn, who was looked upon with suspicion by the crowd. Soon there was a gathering of a moblike group, that rumbled awhile, and ended by presenting itself before Hardy as a committee of inquiry.

"You been agent at this here reservation," explained their spokesman. "We want to know if you've got a frame-up to have some feller meet you with your pack animals over in the mountains."

"No," replied Hardy. "There are four days' rations in my saddlebags. A poncho is all one needs in sleeping before a fire this time of year."

"You ain't got no tools," criticized a man who had been drinking.

"The same is true of several among you," Hardy rejoined.

One of the cowboys who was included in this remark called back resentfully: "You've been into the mountains, I bet you a blue chip you've got a good prospect spotted, ready for banding."

"I am not making any bets," said Hardy. "You have heard all I know about the trail. Mr. Vandervyn has made the trip several times. I was with me during the one trip I made. I have no objection to your questioning him about it."

There was some muttering over this. But Hardy's manner was so cool and quiet that the impatient mob left him, and struggled over to where Vandervyn had hired an expert to throw the diamond hitch on his ridiculous pack. Hardy turned his back on them, and set to grooming the satiny coat of his mare. His unconcern was well founded. Whatever means Vandervyn used, they were sufficient to satisfy the crowd. The muttering soon ceased, and the men dispersed.

CHAPTER XXII.

The Race.

The commissioners came down from the agency barely in time to make their identification of the contestants. Last of all Hardy and Vandervyn identified themselves and hurried over to the end of the waiting line. There was a scant five minutes remaining. Vandervyn was a quiver with eager excitement, and made a dash to connect the fact he smiled and waved his hand to the commissioners, and looked about with sparkling eyes. There was no anxiety or envy or malice in his look. Never had he appeared handsomer or more boyish.

The other commissioners had climbed into the touring car. One of them held up his watch. Another commissioner arose, thrust a small pistol above his head with a melodramatic flourish, and fired.

At the signal the line of contestants wavered and plunged forward into the shallow stream. There were, however, quite enough hasty ones to raise a wild splashing and turmoil, as, whooping and yelling, they spurred their ponies through the water and whirled away at a gallop. Some wheeled up the coulee; a few rode straight across at the steep bank. Vandervyn, wild and noisiest of all, headed downstream for the road, spurring his pinto. He was followed by a large bunch.

Hardy started after these last, holding his mare to her usual steady trot. When he came up the road to the head of the gully, those who had gone before him were all quite a distance ahead, with Vandervyn still in the lead. Midway between the mouth of the valley and the agency, the long-striding mare began to pass ponies whose riders had thought better of their whirlwind start. Others were still loping in swift pursuit of Vandervyn.

Hardy walked the mare up the slope of the agency terrace. He saw nothing of Dupont or Marie, and the Indians had moved away with their tepees. But in the rear of the warehouse he caught a glimpse of two Indian policemen removing the load from Vandervyn's pack pony. His face clouded. He put the mare into a gallop.

All the way to the head of the valley Hardy held to a steady gallop. One after another, he passed the remaining leaders. The best of the ponies were no match in speed with the big thoroughbred.

At last only Vandervyn was ahead. As Hardy overhauled and forged past Vandervyn, the young fellow turned

and met his gaze with a look of mocking hate. Hardy glanced back several times, prepared to fling himself flat alongside the pommel of his saddle. His uneasiness did not lessen when a few minutes later Vandervyn halted, and scrambled down from the trail to get a drink out of the creek. The crease in Hardy's forehead deepened.

Ahead, the walls of the canyon were sloping back into the widened valley where had been the first Indian camp. Dogs, Indians and tepees, all were gone. Only a brush-walled dance lodge remained to mark the camp site.

As the mare pounded past, she curved her outstretched neck toward the lodge and whinnied. Hardy heard no answer to the call, but his frown suddenly deepened.

He reached forward and stroked the mare's sleek neck. Hot as had been the race from the agency, she had not turned a hair. His frown relaxed. Yet his tight lips showed that he was still uneasy. He balanced himself in his stirrups, and began to ride as lightly as possible.

Ascending the mountainside, he was compelled to content himself with the mare's nervous, long-strided walk. But whenever the trail was not too steep or rough, he put her into a trot, and varied the pace with an occasional short gallop.

An hour passed. He was already well into the mountains. He came to a succession of steep climbs and descents that held the mare down to a walk. Presently he thought he heard hoofbeats behind him. He listened. He had not been mistaken. An unshod horse was coming up with him at a steady jog trot.

It seemed impossible that Vandervyn's pinto could have so recuperated from that whirlwind heading of the rush as to be able to take this steep trail at a trot. Hardy gazed back, expecting to see one of the cowboys. As he went down over a ridge crest, the rider came up the ridge back across the intervening gulch. The man snatched off his broad-brimmed hat to wave a salute. The sun glinted with a golden sheen on the unmistakable blond head of Vandervyn.

At the first small break in the descent Hardy dismounted, unsaddled, and sponged out the mare's mouth and nostrils with water from his canteen. He then shook out and refolded his Navajo saddle blanket, and started to readjust. But before he buckled the cinch-strap he shifted the pistol from his breast to a front pocket in his riding breeches.

He was vigorously grooming the mare when Vandervyn came jogging down through the thickets of tall brush that grew close on each side of the trail. He did not pause in his rubbing until the nimble-footed unshod pony ambled into view, less than a dozen yards up the trail. Then he glanced about, straightened, and stood staring. The pony was a pinto.

Vandervyn, smiling with insolent exultation, rode down to him, his right hand jauntily poised on his hip, over the hilt of his revolver. His eyes challenged his rival with an audacious, provoking stare. But Hardy looked only at the pinto. There was no sign of sweat lather on his rough coat, no weariness in his gaze. He was fresh—

"Lots of come-back to a bronco, captain," purred Vandervyn. "Sorry to see that you've stove up your mare. She's too highbred for a rocky road like this. But you might take off her shoes and travel light, the way I've done."

The pony was now ambling down the slope past the mare. Hardy looked at the unshod hoofs. They were covered with a coating of clay mire from the bottom of the last gulch, and the beast's shuffling pace did not expose the under surface of the hoofs. Whether the pony had or had not been recently unshod could not be seen.

"Great horse, my little old pinto, eh?" mocked Vandervyn. "By-by! I'll tell Marie you'll be along later."

Hardy perceived in a flash why he had seen neither the girl nor her father at the agency. Swiftly he wheeled about to mount. Startled by the quick action, Vandervyn spurred his pony, and went down the steep descent at a gallop from easy on even a mountain-bred horse's knees. Hardy followed at a walk. The opposite rise was gradual. He let the mare take it at a slow trot. At the top was a fairly level stretch of trail. Vandervyn was far ahead. Hardy put the mare into a fast gallop. A few minutes brought her up so close behind the loping pinto that Vandervyn spurred his beast to sprinting speed. Hardy followed at an easier yet swift pace that again brought him near, as the pinto slackened to a lope.

A steep ridge made a break in the game. The pinto crossed it at a jog trot. The mare had to walk. Beyond was a long stretch of broken country that favored the pinto. He could jog over ground that held the mare to a walk, and center where she could no more than trot. On such a trail he was fully equal to traveling at these paces for twelve hours at a stretch, all the time in the lead of the mare. Of this Hardy was as well aware as was Vandervyn.

Though he steadily lost ground, he kept on in pursuit, coolly studying the landmarks ahead and "lifting" his mare along over the heartbreaking trail. To have given way to the impatience that betrayed itself in his flashing eyes would inevitably have lost him the race by overstraining the mare. He held himself grimly in hand, and eased the going for his eager mount with consummate horsemanship.

When they reached better ground, Vandervyn was again far ahead. But

Hardy had his reward for his restraint in the resilient stride of the mare as she swung into a full gallop. Up and down the long, easy slopes, around a curving mountainside, and along the level bench of a stream bank, she held to the cross-country racing pace that rapidly rolled up mile after mile of the trail.

In less than half an hour she brought her rider around a sharp bend only a few hundred yards behind the pinto. Vandervyn, over-confident, was jogging along the level when the sound of the approaching hoofbeats threw him into a half-panic. There was still a long stretch of easy trail ahead. He put his pony into a gallop.

The long-legged thoroughbred, still running as smoothly as clockwork, continued to gain. Vandervyn began to swing his spurs.

The pinto started to pull ahead. Hardy held the mare to the same speed as before. It was a speed that he knew she could maintain for miles. He could see that the pinto was being forced to a killing pace—a pace that must strain if not break him before they came to the next rough ground.

On up the valley rushed the pursued, now barely holding his own. The cruel spurring and whip-lashing could not sting the failing beast to greater exertions. He was blowing hard; his rough coat was lathered with sweat. He began to lose.

At last the trail made a sharp turn, and started to zigzag up the mountainside. The pinto was staggering when he reached the foot of the ascent. The quicker and longer stride of the mare soon brought them up at Vandervyn's heels. The pitch of the mountain was too precipitous for Hardy to risk passing on the lower side of the narrow trail with the mare, and Vandervyn kept the pinto close to the upper side.

"You have no right to block the trail," said Hardy. "Allow me to pass."

Vandervyn looked over his shoulder with an insolent sneer. "Go on and pass, if you're in a hurry. You've got all outdoors to do it in. If there's not room enough, shoot me in the back and take the trail. I'll not get out of it for you."

Hardy did not reply nor did he attempt to force a passage. At last, twelve miles from the goal of the heartbreaking race, came the opportunity for which he had been waiting. The trail smoothed out in another easy stretch. For this he had been holding the mare in hand. He started at a canter, and gradually let her strike into her long, swift gallop. Vandervyn saw them coming, and at once put spurs to his luckless pony. As before, Hardy held the mare down to her best long-distance speed. The mare came up alongside the pinto and forged ahead.

Hardy eyed Vandervyn with utmost whiteness. And, as before, at the head of the canyon of Sioux creek, Vandervyn turned in the saddle, and looked full at him with a hateful, mocking smile. He pulled in his staggering pony to a walk the moment Hardy swung into the trail ahead.

At once Hardy eased down the mare to a trot. Though he saw no third pinto waiting in the thickets, his eyes grew hard and cold with grim determination. He was examining his rifle when a turn of the trail suddenly gave him his first view of the broken-topped mountain and the ridge-side where Redbear had made the second attempt to assassinate him. As he looked at the shattered summit, his hazel eyes flashed. He thrust the rifle back into its sheath, and drew the mare down to a walk.

Behind him he heard a muffled drumming of unshod hoofs. Vandervyn was coming up at a gallop.

When the mocking trickster came up behind Hardy, he reined in to a jog trot, and, as before, rode past him with his hand on his hip.

There were marked differences between the third pinto and the two first. He was taller and leaner, and one of his feet was white. But Hardy appeared to be too dejected to heed the fact. As the pinto ambled away in the lead, Vandervyn smiled, and looked back at his rival with all the hate gone from his face. "By-by again, old man," he bantered. "Sorry I can't stay to keep you company. The lady is waiting—and the mine. It may also please you to hear that I have a duly signed and witnessed contract with the tribe, giving me a fee of 20 cents on all moneys appropriated in payment to the tribe for their mineral lands. Let's hear you congratulate me. Show your game!"

But Hardy did not raise his eyes. As soon as Vandervyn was out of sight around the constellated rocks at the top of the ridge, Hardy stopped the mare and dropped from the saddle. His shapely mouth was curved in a resolute smile, and his hand was rapidly transferring from the saddlebags to his pockets a pocket ax, a handful of pistol cartridges and the legal notices for posting a mining claim.

He glanced up the slope, and, seeing no sign of Vandervyn, stripped off the mare's bridle, sponged out her nostrils and mouth with the last water in his canteen.

Hardy took the steep slope at an unhurried pace. He reached the place where he had found the bloody trail of Redbear. Up the cleft the climbing trail was not stiff. He came out on the valley slope, extremely hot and dry but not out of breath. Drawing an airline across to the opposite mountainside, where he had seen the light of Ti-owa-konza's campfire through the darkness, he started down into the valley at a jog as brisk as that of the third pinto. He was almost spent as he tottered through the pines up the

last slope. The camp was gone, but he knew the nearest way to the spring. He rested two or three minutes, repeatedly cooling his head in the spring and rinsing out his mouth, but drinking only a very few sips. Again refreshed, he half filled his canteen, and started on up the easy mountain slope at a steady jog.

Ten minutes brought him over the summit to the sharp pitch above the mine. He stared down at the terrace several moments, however, before he made out the figures of a man and woman waiting at the first turn of the trail. There could be no doubt that the two were Marie and her father.

It was no less certain that Vandervyn had not yet arrived. Even had he suspected his opponent's stratagem, he scarcely could have covered the seven miles of trail in as short a time as Hardy had taken to make the three miles across country.

The two watchers never thought to look about and up the mountain. They had not yet looked about when he came down upon the crest of the spur. A large, newly cut stake gave him a hint where one of the upper corners of the claim should be located. He cut his own stake, drove it, and tacked on one of his legal notices. Another stake indicated the other upper corner, and he swiftly repeated the making of his own stake and posting of the notice.

At the curb of the mine shaft he posted another notice. He was now in plain view from the cabin, but out of sight of the watchers down on the trail. On the terrace, as he was working the third stake into a bed of loose rocks, he heard an angry exclamation over near the cabin. Dupont and Marie had come around the end of the



The Trader Reached for His Revolver.

building, and were staring at him. In a frenzy of disappointed aversion, the trader reached for his revolver. Still more swiftly Marie flung herself upon him.

"No! no! you shall not!" she cried. "Leave it to him—he is so near! Let them play out the game!"

Hardy ran across to cut his last stake. Between the ax-blows could be heard the hoofbeats of a galloping horse. He tacked the notice on, chopped a small hole with his ax in the hard soil, and set it up. The mine was his own.

CHAPTER XXIII.

The Owner of the Mine.

At that moment Vandervyn loped up over the edge of the terrace, waving his hat to Marie. Then he caught sight of Hardy, over beyond the girl, and the exultant yell died on his lips. He put the curb on his pony, and sprang off beside Dupont and the girl, his face frightful with rage.

His voice was high-pitched and light, almost airy: "So—he cut across afoot! He thought to do me!"

"Has, you mean?" startled Dupont. "Got his notices posted. That's his last stake."

Vandervyn whirled and snatched his rifle from his saddle sheath. Marie caught her father's arm to drag him aside; but he was already backing away, his eyes fixed apprehensively on Hardy. It was time for bullets to come streaming from the automatic pistol. Hardy could have drawn and opened fire while Vandervyn was freeing his rifle.

To the astonishment of all three, Hardy made no attempt to "get the drop" on his opponent. Instead, he started to advance upon Vandervyn at a quick, deliberate pace, his hands hanging empty at his sides, his face calm and stern.

"Put down that gun!" he commanded.

Vandervyn was leveling the rifle. He took aim straight between Hardy's eyes. His finger kissed the trigger. The slightest twitch would have sent the bullet crashing through Hardy's brain, and the slightest sign of fear or hesitancy on Hardy's part would have caused that twitch. He was looking death in the face. Vandervyn was in a murderous fury.

Yet Hardy came on—quick, steady, absolutely calm. His gaze passed above the deadly muzzle, along the foreshortened barrel, to the narrowed, bloodshot eyes of Vandervyn. His voice rang out again, clear and sharp with authority:

"Put down that rifle—put it down, sir!"

The muscles of Vandervyn's neck twitched. Along the top of the barrel he was glaring back at Hardy—glaring into those hazel eyes that met his fury with the clear, cool gaze of absolute courage. The sheer nerve of that steady approach to his rifle muzzle compelled him to pause. It disconcerted him; it struck a chill into the heat of his frenzy.

Still Hardy advanced, swift and steady, his gaze never so much as flickering. Now his eyes and forehead, close beyond the foresight of the rifle, appeared enormously enlarged to Vandervyn's distorted vision. Steadily Hardy put up his hand, took hold of the rifle barrel, and turned the muzzle aside.

"Ah-h-h!" gasped Marie. Hardy drew the rifle out of Vandervyn's relaxing grasp.

"Stand aside, sir!" he quietly com-

manded. "I wish to speak alone with Miss Dupont."

Vandervyn had parted with his rifle as if crazed. At the sound of Hardy's voice a fresh wave of crimson flooded his face. He stepped back, and jerked out his revolver. Hardy leaped upon him like a panther, and struck the weapon aside. The heavy bullet whizzed past Hardy's head. A moment later, Vandervyn, though the younger and perhaps the stronger of the two, reeled away, clutching his lacerated trigger finger. Hardy stood with the revolver in his hand. He turned to Marie.

"May I ask for a few words alone with you?"

"No!" Vandervyn hoarsely forbade the girl. "You shall not speak with him. Jake, you're her father—tell her she shall not!"

"You know she don't never mind what I say," mumbled Dupont. "Any-way, it sort of looks like Cap is running this here shindy."

Hardy had not glanced away from Marie. Throughout that supreme test of the will power and courage of her two lovers, she had stood tense and silent, as if spellbound. She now looked from one to the other, her face inscrutably calm, her black eyes fathomless.

"I will hear what Captain Hardy has to say," she said.

Hardy motioned her father and Vandervyn toward the mine dump. They obeyed.

"We are alone," said Marie. Hardy smiled. "I won the race."

"Was it fair, cutting across country?"

"Fair? Then you did not know of his scheme?"

"What scheme? I do not understand."

"It does not now matter. I won the race—and the mine."

"Do you expect me to rejoice with you?" asked the girl. "It has cost my father his half of the mine."

"How so? He is not an entryman."

"Reggie gave him a deed to a half-interest."

"I see," said Hardy. "Quite in keeping. The deed is absolutely void, and would have been no less so even had the grantor been first to reach here."

"You doubt his good faith?" The girl glanced past him toward the sudden figure of Vandervyn on the mine dump with her father. "So you thought it better to take it all yourself than to let him take it all?"

"Yes," agreed Hardy.

"The girl's red lips curved in an ironical smile."

"I do not go with the mine—necessarily."

"No. But the mine necessarily goes with you—now," replied Hardy.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BAD SEATS CAUSE DEFORMITY

Curvature of Spine and Round Shoulders Too Frequently Developed in School.

As an outcome of medical inspection in public schools, people are beginning to appreciate the important part which school seats play in the physical development of the young. M. V. O'Shea writes in the Mother's Magazine. The statistics of deformities of growth have been compiled in a number of American cities, and they are impressive. A considerable proportion of school children are afflicted with curvature of the spine. This difficulty becomes more common as we go up the grades and into the high school.

What is the relation of school seats to curvature of the spine? Suppose a pupil during the growing period uses for four or five hours each school day, thirty-eight or forty weeks each year for eight or twelve years, a desk which is so high that in order to rest his arm on it he lifts his shoulder, and so pulls the spine out of correct alignment. Ordinarily, the right shoulder will be raised too high, and the left will be too low. It is probable that any child who maintains this posture in school year after year will acquire some degree of curvature. Even if no curvature results, there will be inequality in the height of the shoulders, which will prove a handicap to an individual in later life.

Older pupils often use desks which are too low. It is practically certain, then, that they will bend over the desks, and they will be in a cramped posture several hours each day. In such a position the lungs are constricted, the shoulders are pressed forward and the common round shoulder develops; most serious of all, the circulation in the brain is interfered with. When children keep this posture in school day after day for years, they are likely to become either neurotic or dull.

Development of Opera. Opera has made extensive strides during the last century, although its origin is very remote. It came through a gradual course of development from almost the beginning of the Christian era; earliest librettists were such eminent men as Aeschylus and Sophocles, who accompanied their spoken drama with a band of lyres and flutes.

But grand opera, as we understand it today, originated about the end of the sixteenth century, when Jacopo Peri's opera, "Dafne," was first presented. It originated through the gathering of a small party of music lovers at the home of a Florentine nobleman. Theories grew into actualities when a performance of "Dafne" was celebrated in the palace of Corsi in 1585. This opera was successfully performed several times, but always in private, and now the score is not discoverable.

Biggest in the World. California is to have the biggest bridge in the world to connect Oakland with San Francisco and relieve five ferry systems. It will cost \$22,000,000, be five and one-half miles long, one of the heaviest bridges ever built, carrying three roadways and four railroad tracks, and two of its 16 spans will be high and wide enough for any ship to pass.

The Choice. "Don't you think a proposal of marriage should be softly whispered?" "Certainly not. It should be loudly uttered. Is it not in the nature of a ringing declaration?"

Your Banker Knows

An investment is only just as safe and sound as the men behind it. ASK YOUR BANKER. He knows that the following officers and directors of this company are safe, sound business men:

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Representative Business Firms of Grayling and Frederic

The following are active and representative business firms of Grayling and Frederic. It will be to your advantage to read carefully these messages and then tack this page up for future reference.

GRAYLING

THE BANK OF GRAYLING

Marius Hanson.

The Avalanche takes pardonable pride in calling the public's attention to the Bank of Grayling, which has met with uninterrupted success from its first business inception, which is owing, in a great measure, to its very conservative management. This is a private institution of which Mr. Marius Hanson is proprietor and able and efficient cashier. A general commercial banking and financial business is transacted, loans made on approved securities at the lowest current rates of interest, loans made on approved securities, foreign and domestic exchanges bought and sold, 3% interest paid on savings accounts, and collections made with promptness and dispatch.

THE GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY

"The Store of Quality."

The big store of "quality and dependable merchandise" is that of the above named company, of which Mr. H. Joseph is the able and efficient manager. The spacious establishment is stocked to repletion with dry and fancy goods, hosiery, novelties and notions, men's work clothes and ready-to-wear garments, including suits, overcoats, sweaters, mackinaws, under-wear of all weights and sizes, hats and caps, shoes and rubber goods, etc. The management is fully up to the times in mercantile ethics, which enables this up-to-date store to meet the most formidable competition.

W. M. MOSHIER

Flour, Feed and Hay. Phone 423.

As the important flour, feed and hay business has reached extended proportion in this locality we desire to call the public's attention to the progressive dealer, that of Mr. Wm. Moshier, with a large and capacious ware house, centrally and advantageously located near the M. C. R. R. freight depot. This gentleman deals in the best brands of flour, including the famous "Highland Flour," which is conceded by both the baker and the housewife to have no superior on the market. Also hay, grain and feedstuffs in general.

F. R. DECKROW & SON

Fine Plumbing, Heating and Ventilating.

The well equipped and thoroughly sanitary plumbing shop of Grayling, is ably conducted by Mr. F. R. Deckrow & Son, who carries a full line of plumbing accessories and supplies, gasoline engines, bath requisites, steam fittings, etc. Mr. Deckrow is an expert artisan, and employs only experienced assistants, and he is prepared to do all kinds of sanitary plumbing, steam, hot water and warm air heating, and sanitary engineering.

Grayling Coffee and Tea Store

The Store Where Low Prices are Made and Maintained.

ANDREW LARSEN, Prop'r. They are small but watch them grow. Why have they sold over 3,500 pounds of coffee in the short time they have been in business? The answer: Low prices, fresh goods and courteous treatment. They handle a fresh line of the best coffees grown, their teas are the best. Remember they are leaders in the following teas: Green pae fired Ceylon, India, Orange Pekoe, English Breakfast Gunpowder, green Ceylon. They also handle cocoa, chocolate, baking powder, spices, extracts, Postum, Mazola cooking oil, rice, etc. They also handle the largest assortment of National Biscuit Co's. goods in town, fresh every week.

R. HANSON & SONS

Manufacturers of Lumber

Wholesale and Retail.

SALLING, HANSON CO.

Mfrs. and Dealers in Lumber, Logs, and General Merchandise.

The "Pioneer store" of Grayling is conducted by Salling, Hanson Co., extensive manufacturers and dealers in white pine, Norway, hemlock and native hardwood lumber of all dimensions. The store is filled with anything and everything to eat and wear, including dry goods, men's work clothes, overalls, jackets, woolen and flannel shirts, gloves, mittens, groceries, general hardware, mechanics, carpenters' and builders' tools, edge tools and cutlery, stoves and ranges, shoes and rubber goods and lumbermen's supplies in general, all in endless assortment and great variety. This concern has been a great factor toward the material up-building of Grayling and the surrounding country and they have always done its quota toward any and every enterprise calculated for the good of the town.

SORENSEN BROS.

Undertakers, Dealers in Plain and Art Furniture.

The above named gentlemen have been actively engaged in business here for 25 years. Since which time they have met with uninterrupted success from an appreciative public. The Sorenson Bros. are dealers in fine art furniture, dining room and bed room sets, Davenport, chiffoniers, kitchen cabinets, bedding, mattresses, China, queensware, pictures and picture frames, Kodaks and supplies, books, and wall paper of the latest design. A specialty is made of undertaking and embalming and taking full charge of funerals and burials and for the best of service their prices will be found right.

OLSON'S CENTRAL DRUG STORE

Home of the Nyal Remedies--Phone 1.

The Central Drug Store of Grayling is ably presided over by Alfred C. Olson, who enjoys his quota of the trade and the excellent stock carried by this gentleman comprises a well selected line of pure drugs and chemicals, herbs, extracts, essences, tinctures, patent medicines, and druggists' sundries. Also perfumes, toilet and fancy articles, stationery and school supplies, post cards, Kodaks, confections, cigars, tobacco and smokers' articles, fine cut glass and ivory goods and a full line of the famous Nyal family remedies.

THE MODEL BAKERY

In the special review of the various trading points of Grayling we take pardonable pride in calling the public attention to the Model Bakery and Confectionery so ably presided over by Mr. Thomas Cassidy, who is fully conversant with every detail of his special line of trade. The stock comprises an excellent line of all kinds of baked goods, including pies, cakes, rolls, buns, jellies, and the famous "Brown Bread" which has no superior on the market.

R. D. CONNINE

Groceries, Feed and Hay, Grayling, Mich.

This live and progressive dealer in general groceries, flour, feed, hay and potatoes, established here in 1895. Your orders will be promptly attended to and delivered in a most satisfactory manner, and his large corps of patrons all speak in the highest terms of praise of their treatment. Here is found in great variety and excellent assortment everything usually found in the grocery line. And he handles feed, hay, flour, meal and all kinds of country produce.

LIETZ BROTHERS

Practical Tailors of Grayling.

The above named gentlemen are expert cutters, artistic designers and model fitters of gentlemen's high-class tailor-made garments. They carry a fine line of the famous "Ditmer" and the "Mason-Hanson" woolsens in all the latest shades, weaves and patterns. All work is turned out in the promptest and most satisfactory manner and for the best of workmanship their prices will be found within reach of all.

A. M. LEWIS

Proprietor the Rexall Drug Store.

The neat, attractive and well arranged drug store of Grayling is ably presided over by Mr. A. M. Lewis, who is an accomplished pharmacist. The stock comprises an excellent line of chemically pure fresh drugs, patent and proprietary medicines of acknowledged merit and standard reputation and pharmaceutical preparation, also perfumes, elegant toilet and fancy articles, stationery, Kodaks and candy and a full line of the Rexall Family Remedies.

EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods and Clothing Store.

The "Leading Store" above named stands pre-eminently in the front rank of trade, and the large stock is systematically arranged for the prompt and successful prosecution of his large and extended trade. The stock consists of the finest line of exclusive dry goods, shoes and clothing in Crawford and adjoining counties, including dress fabrics, hosiery, novelties and notions, ladies' suits, coats, waists and wraps, and ready-to-wear garments in general. Also men's and boys' clothing, gents' fine furnishings, the famous E. P. Reed and the Walkover shoes, rubber goods and in fact everything carried in a leading house.

MILTON SIMPSON EST.

The Sanitary Store of Grayling--Phone 14.

The thoroughly Sanitary Store of the Milton Simpson Est. stands pre-eminently at the head of the grocery trade in Grayling, which is owing to the liberal policy and straight forward business methods of the management. Everything is kept in strict conformity with the pure food laws of the State, and "Sanitation" is their motto. The stock comprises an absolutely pure and fresh line of both staple and fancy groceries, pure aromatic spices, "Old Master" coffee and tea, the famous "Gold Medal" flour, canned goods and country produce. Special prices are made in dry goods and shoes, which they are selling out at greatly reduced prices and it will be to the interest of those who contemplate buying to give this house a call and inspect goods before buying elsewhere.

F. H. MILKS

Sanitary and Old Reliable Market.

The thoroughly sanitary meat market of long standing is ably conducted by Mr. F. H. Milks, who is an expert on prime beef cattle and he supplies his large corps of patrons with his choice of both cured and fresh meat, the market affords, including the sweetest "chops," juiciest "roasts," tenderest "steaks" and most delicious outlets, also hams, bacon, lard, sausages, fish and oysters in their season and he pays the highest market price hides, pelts, veal calves and live stock in foot.

H. PETERSEN

Leading Sanitary Grocery Store of Grayling.

Our special annual resume of Grayling and vicinity would be incomplete if he failed to make a special mention of the thoroughly up-to-date grocery store of the Mr. H. Petersen, who stands pre-eminently in the front rank of the grocery trade and everything is kept in strict conformity of the pure food law of the state. Here is also found the best teas, coffee and special baking powder, fresh vegetables and fruits, cheese, butter, eggs and all kinds of country produce, shoes, rubbers and furnishings.

J. A. HOLLIDAY

Bazaar and Bargain Store.

Our "booster number" of the Avalanche would be incomplete if we failed to make a special mention of the bazaar and bargain store ably conducted by Mr. J. A. Holliday. The store is very large and diversified, consisting of many useful and beautiful articles too numerous to mention, including queensware, tin and enamel ware, cutlery, stationery, toilet and fancy goods, hosiery, novelties and notions, odd bits of bric-a-brac, all kinds of bazaar goods and racket goods in general, all in excellent assortment and great variety.

FRANK DREESE

The Lemon Colored Store Opposite the Jail.

The lemon-colored store opposite the jail is ably conducted by Mr. Frank Dreese, who enjoys a trade of large and extended proportions. This gentleman carries an up-to-date line of dry goods, dress fabrics in all the latest shades, weaves and patterns, cloaks, suits and wraps, and ladies' wearables in general. Also men's work clothes, mackinaws, gents' fine furnishings, hats and caps, odd pants, shoes and rubber goods. This is headquarters for "Quality goods" at right prices, as Mr. Dreese is always in touch with the leading Eastern markets, which enables him to buy right and treat his patrons right.

C. J. HATHAWAY

Leading Jeweler and Optometrist

The leading jewelry establishment conducted by Mr. C. J. Hathaway, is the finest and most complete in this district, in addition to a fine line of jewelry of new and novel designs, plain and set rings, precious stones and brilliant watches of the standard movements, silver and silver plated ware, cut glass, and elegant novelties. A specialty is made of jewelry and watch repairing. Also examination of the eyes for glasses by the latest and most scientific methods. His optical room being equipped with latest and best instruments obtainable. For anything in the above line his prices will be found right.

A. TRUDEAU

The Popular Grocery, Opposite Court House.

The popular grocery store located opposite the Court house, Penitentiary avenue, conducted by Mr. A. Trudeau,

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THE FREDERIC BANK

This live financial institution transacts a general banking business, loans are made on approved securities at the lowest current rates of interest, mortgages negotiated, insurance written and adjusted in a most satisfactory manner, 4% interest paid on time deposits and collections made with promptness and dispatch. The bank building is a substantial brick structure and the interior is attractively filled up with absolutely fire proof vault and burglar proof safe, and all the latest facilities known to modern banking and finance. In fact every favor consistent with sound and conservative banking and finance is extended to the patrons of this live financial institution by the management. Mr. Paul R. Dinsmore is president and Mr. James A. Kalarhar the able and efficient cashier, both of whom are widely and favorably known for their many sterling qualities and high personal worth to the public.

J. J. HIGGINS

The Popular General Store of Frederic.

The gentleman whose name appears above this brief sketch, that of Mr. J. J. Higgins, enjoys his quota of the trade, and during his long and valuable business career in Frederic he has succeeded in making hosts of friends and acquaintances. This gentleman carries a well selected line of general merchandise, comprising groceries, canned goods, shoes and rubber goods, men's work clothes, jackets, gloves, mittens, shirts, cigars, tobacco and smokers' articles, novelties and notions and he is enabled to sell right, and all speak in the highest terms of him and their treatment.

C. S. BARBER

Sanitary Meat Market of Frederic.

The thoroughly sanitary meat market of Frederic, recently established by Mr. C. S. Barber, is a very important acquisition to the business enterprises of the village. Mr. Barber is widely and thoroughly known throughout this district for his many sterling qualities and is justly deserving of a most liberal patronage from an appreciative public. This gentleman carries the choicest of both cured and fresh meats the market affords, fish and oysters in their season, canned goods and he pays the highest market price for hides, pelts, furs, etc.

who is ably assisted by his estimable daughter, is the place where a \$1.00 does its work, and he never fails to give his patrons the best of satisfaction, which in a measure, is the secret of his success. The stock consists of a well selected line of both staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, garden and orchard productions, candies, cigars, tobacco and smokers' articles. In conclusion we desire to state that Mr. Trudeau is ever alive to the best interest of his large corps of patrons.

WALTER COWELL

Leading Tonsorial Parlor of Grayling.

We herein take pardonable pride in calling the public's attention to the leading and most up-to-date barber shop of Grayling, so ably presided over by Mr. Walter Cowell, who is ably assisted by experienced tonsorialists. The shop is well equipped with three of the latest revolving and reclining hydraulic chairs, Keen razors, clean towels and choice toilet accessories, and clean and sanitary bath rooms are run in connection. A specialty is made of fashionable hair cutting, easy shaving, shampooing and face massage in the highest style of the art.

GAME & BURROWS

The People's Market.

Motto: Quality, Price and Service. Phone 126. Among the live and most progressive dealers in both cured and fresh meats in this district is that of Messrs Game & Burrows. Everything is absolutely clean and thoroughly sanitary, and their motto is "Quality, Price and Service." These gentlemen are fully up to the times and they supply their large corps of patrons with high-class meats, poultry, fish and oysters in their season. They also pay the highest market price for hides, pelts, all kinds of poultry and choice butcher stock on foot or dressed.

GEORGE BURKE

Well Equipped Garage and Ford Service Station. Frederic and Grayling.

The modern and up-to-date garage, storage room and Ford auto service station of Frederic and Grayling are ably conducted by Mr. George Burke, who takes rank among our most progressive citizens and live wires of this district. His plants are well equipped and this gentleman employs only expert mechanics, and he is prepared to attend promptly to all kinds of auto repairing, rim, tire and tube work. And he carries a full and complete line of auto accessories and supplies, oils, greases and best gasoline. Mr. Burke has the sales agency for the Ford, the "Universal car," which is favorably known all over the world.

Louis A. Gardner

The Able and Efficient Postmaster and Merchant of Frederic.

Our general business review of the various trading points of Crawford county would be incomplete if we failed to make a special mention of the able and efficient postmaster and business man of Frederic. That of Mr. Louis A. Gardner, who is widely and favorably known throughout this district for his many sterling qualities and high personal worth to the public. This gentleman carries a well selected line of groceries and canned goods, candies, cigars, tobacco and smokers' articles, stationery, pens, pencils, tablets, etc. His place is also headquarters for the Central telephone exchange and every courtesy is extended to the public.

The American Hotel Lunch Room

Best Place to Stop at Frederic--John Burke, Prop.

A representative of this paper had the pleasure of taking up his abode at the American Hotel which has under the new management gained the enviable reputation as being the best place to stop and eat at Frederic. Regular meals are invitingly served in an appetizing manner and short order lunches, sandwiches, and the best cup of coffee in the village. The American Hotel is cleanly kept and "Pat's" place is well patronized by the general public, all of whom speak in the highest terms of praise of their treatment.

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, FEB. 1

Miss Mabel Ketzbeck has resigned her position at the Holiday Bazaar.

Charles A. Travis was home from Detroit to spend Sunday with his family.

Miss Margaret Bauman is spending the week in Detroit, the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Johanne Hendrikson left Monday afternoon for a couple of weeks' visit in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Charles Schreck left Monday for Cheboygan to visit her daughter, Mrs. Arthur McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcott of the South side are entertaining the latter's brother and wife of Rose City.

A seven pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall, Thursday of last week, January 25th. Miss Josephine Randolph of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting her brother, William Randolph and family on the South side.

We're pretty busy invoicing this week. When finished we're going to show you people, believe me, the finest line of spring goods that ever came to Grayling. Frank Dreese.

Hans Christensen of Detroit visited his sister, Mrs. Alfred Jorgensen and other relatives and friends over Sunday last. He came to attend the dancing party of the Danish Brotherhood society.

"Caprice of the Mountains" will be presented at the Opera house next Sunday evening. It features Miss June Caprice, the newest of all stars in filmland, and this production is her first picture. Don't fail to see it.

Samuel Rasmussen of Detroit came Saturday afternoon to be in attendance at the annual Danish Brotherhood society dancing party Saturday evening. He spent Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen, returning to Detroit Monday night.

Misses Marguerite Lockwood, Frances Trudeau and Fedora Tetu entertained the Queen's Social club at the home of the latter last Thursday evening. Three new members were admitted, at this meeting. The thirty members present enjoyed a very fine luncheon at eleven o'clock. They will meet with Miss Margaret Insley, Thursday evening, February 7.

Prof. C. O. Davis of the University of Michigan will deliver an address at the school auditorium Saturday evening at 7:15 p. m. His subject will be "Adolescence." This subject is a very responsible one and parents with children should not fail to hear Prof. Davis. Please do not make a mistake and remain away, thinking that you will not be interested—every parent should be there, without fail.

Rev. Fr. Riess spent the fore part of the week in Mackinaw.

Herman Lundeen of Atlanta was a caller in Grayling Monday.

W. H. Ketzbeck returned last Friday from a several days' visit in Harbor Springs, Mich.

Dan Mosher returned, the latter part of the week from Flint, after a couple of month's stay.

Miss Hattie Kraus returned last Sunday morning from a several weeks visit in Detroit.

Mrs. John Pettitt of Detroit arrived Saturday for a several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salting.

Mrs. Andrew Balhoff is quite ill. Her daughter, Miss Hetty, arrived Tuesday afternoon from Bay City to care for her.

The Auto show at Bay City next week, February 7, 8 and 9, promises to draw a big attendance. A large number from Grayling are planning to be there.

The Frederic Crochet club will give a fancy party on Tuesday evening, February 13th, at the home of Mrs. James Tobin, for members and their husbands.

Frank Tetu was dismissed from Mercy hospital Tuesday afternoon and is recovering very nicely from the accident, that occurred to him about two weeks ago at the DuPont Co. plant, while he was at work.

Basket ball Saturday night—High school vs. Cadillac high school teams. This is bound to be one of the fastest games of the season. Grayling boys have won every game this season and they intend to either defeat Cadillac or give them the stiffest game they will have this season.

Cheboygan 16, Cadillac 32. Cadillac expects the championship of the northern part of the state. Come Saturday night and see Grayling shatter those expectations. This will be one of the hardest and biggest games of the season. Come and see what our boys can do when they have to.

Among the autos purchased by local parties at the Detroit auto show last week were a Coles car by T. W. Hanson and Oldsmobiles by A. M. Lewis and Fred Welsh. These will be delivered about April 1st. Mr. Lewis had arranged to be local agent for the Studebaker cars but when looking over the lines concluded that he would prefer the Oldsmobile line and has therefore taken the agency for Crawford and surrounding counties.

Rev. Copeland of West Branch and Rev. Jermin of Bay City, of the Episcopal church, were calling on members of that denomination and others here Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Copeland has been conducting services here for the past year. He was recently promoted to priesthood of his church, the Episcopate, which is one of the greatest Christian organizations on earth. Rev. Copeland has many friends here who will be glad to learn of his promotion.

Use your auto for power. See advertisement on last page for particulars. 1-11-4

You may be next! Why don't you buy some Fire Insurance?

GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

The Junior Aid Society will meet with Miss Mabel Ketzbeck next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

You can get four standard magazines one year for 25 cents extra by renewing your subscription to the Avalanche.

Nellie Courtney, Katie Brown and Morey Abrahams, Frederic eighth graders, were among those who passed in all their studies.

McGuire DuPree has traded his property here with Walmer Jorgenson for property in Bay City and will move his family there in the near future.

Wilhelm Raabe, head bookkeeper for the Salling, Hanson Co., will be manager of the Johannesburg Manufacturing company at Johannesburg, which position is made vacant by the resignation of Frank Michelson. Mr. Raabe will divide his time for the present between Grayling and Johannesburg and eventually move to the latter place. This is a fine promotion for Mr. Raabe, however it will be a loss to Grayling when Mr. and Mrs. Raabe give up their home here. Mr. Michelson is located in Detroit with the Michelson Land & Home company.

One or two cases of diphtheria have been reported in Grayling. These are the first in several years. These cases are under quarantine and this should be rigidly enforced. Outsiders should be kept away and those who enter the homes should be kept there. Violations should be promptly noted and, if necessary, arrests made. Now would be a dangerous time to have such a dangerous epidemic break out in any community. There is no need of locking the door after the horse is stolen—enforce the quarantine in every case that appears. The local physicians will no doubt promptly report every case and these should be quarantined, and the quarantine laws religiously enforced.

There was a quiet and simple wedding at the home of the bride at six o'clock Friday evening when Mrs. Christine Ness became the wife of Mr. Christian Johanson. Only the near relatives of the couple were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kjelshede of the Danish-Lutheran church. Mrs. Ness has lived in Grayling for about 17 years and is well known. For several years past she has had charge of the rest room at the Salling, Hanson company store. Mr. Johanson has been engaged in several capacities with this company and of late years as camp foreman. He is known to be one of the best camp foremen the above company has ever had. Both parties are well known and have many loyal friends in Grayling who will be pleased to learn of their marriage. They left Saturday afternoon on a short wedding trip to Manistee and other places.

The annual dancing party of the Danish Brotherhood society was held at the Temple theatre last Saturday evening. It was a very enjoyable gathering, consisting of the members of the society, their families and several invited friends. Music was furnished by Clark's four-piece orchestra and at 9:00 o'clock dancing began. The different Danish dances consisting of Waltzes, Polkas and Schottisches and now and then a one-step and two-step were danced, and everyone present, old as well as young entered into the festivities of the evening. This party is always looked forward to, as it is one of the most enjoyable affairs of the winter season. At 12:00 delicious refreshments of salad, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to the large crowd. The dancing lasted for several hours after luncheon, and when the party broke up, all departed for their homes having had, as usual a splendid evening.

At the regular meeting of the Board of trade Monday evening, it was expected that Supt. Donahue of the Michigan Central railroad company would be present, and at that time the subject of a new passenger depot for Grayling would be discussed. Mr. Donahue was unable to be present. The people of Grayling feel that we are worthy of a better depot, or rather that the large freight and passenger business done at this station should entitle us to better accommodations, in common with the spirit and progressiveness of our city. The present passenger depot is better suited for a barn than that for which it is being used. It has served its purpose and as improved and enlarged accommodations are necessary, now would be the time to determine whether or not the railroad company will be willing to give us a new depot. It is the intention of the Board of trade committee to submit facts and figures to the railroad officials of the business done here and further of the necessity of better depot accommodations. Certainly the balance of reason is on our side, and it only remains for the company to act—one way or another. The Michigan Central officials have always been most courteous and there is no doubt but that matter will be treated likewise.

When You Have a Cold. It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

School Notes

Basketball Saturday night at 8:45.

Free lecture in auditorium Saturday night at 7:15.

Charles Robinson is back in school. Claressa Williams is out of school with pneumonia.

A new oak teacher's desk adds very much to the appearance and convenience of the lower fifth grade room.

Monday, March 12 is the date that has been assigned for the Byron W. King lecture that had to be postponed some three weeks ago.

Life in the land of the Eskimo is of interest to the first grade this week.

The 5th B class deserves special mention this month for their work in fractions.

All beginners in either of our first grade classes must enter school this next week. There will be no other classes organized for beginners until next September.

Parents are requested to get tennis or gymnasium shoes for their children to wear in the gymnasium. Heavy stockings will do but the shoes are less expensive in the end. The object of this is to protect the floor and keep it clean.

Cadillac's quintette of fast ball tossers and ringers will have a contest with our boys on the home floor Saturday night at 8:45. Our boys have not lost a single game this season. This will certainly be a fast game and our boys are preparing accordingly. Come out and see our team hang another trophy on its belt.

If anyone can prove that gymnastics and play in the gymnasium does injure the health of children then there is some reason for parents to object to their children's going there; but if you are not absolutely sure about it you should not withhold the privilege. It gives the children a great deal of pleasure and helps to put them in possession of sound vigorous bodies.

Prof. C. O. Davis of the University of Michigan is to give a lecture under the auspices of the Mothers' club in the school auditorium this week Saturday evening at 7:15. His subject is "Adolescence." This is an educational subject and Prof. Davis is perfectly capable of handling it. Every parent, teacher and school officer in Grayling and the surrounding country should be present. No admission will be charged.

An evening class in penmanship will be organized for the benefit of those students who desire extra practice and instruction in writing and any others who wish to take extra work in penmanship. This class will last an hour and will occur each week. The time has not yet been chosen, but it will probably be either Monday or Wednesday night.

Don't miss seeing "Caprice of the Mountains" at the Opera house next Sunday evening.

Mrs. N. P. Nelson.

Mrs. Minnie Nelson, wife of N. P. Nelson, and a life-long resident of Grayling passed away at her home on the South side last Thursday. Mrs. Nelson was taken ill about six weeks ago, and since then had been in a very serious condition, and for the past few weeks, little hopes had been entertained for her recovery. Leakage of the heart was the cause of death. It was with much regret that her friends and neighbors learned of her untimely death. She had always been a kindhearted lady, and was ever ready to lend her assistance in time of trouble.

Mrs. Nelson, who was formerly Miss Minnie Owen was born in Grayling, August 10, 1877, being 40 years 5 months and 15 days old at the time of her death. In January 19, 1907, she was united in marriage to Mr. N. P. Nelson.

Beside her husband, she leaves to mourn her sad going, an adopted daughter, Sibella, and one sister, Mrs. Nora Brown, and a brother, Daniel Owen, who reside in Grayling. The funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and neighbors. Rev. Mitchell officiated, and interment was made in Elmwood cemetery. Charles and Edward Nelson, of Marion, Indiana, sons of Mr. Nelson to a former wife were present from out of town, and also Louis Nelson and Edward Olson of Bear Lake came to be in attendance at the funeral.

GOOD ADVICE.

A Grayling Citizen Gives Information of Priceless Value.

When you suffer from backache, Headache, dizziness, nervousness, Feel weak, languid, depressed, Have annoying urinary disorders, Do you know what to do?

Some Grayling people do. Read the statement that follows. It's from a Grayling woman.

Testimony that can be investigated. Mrs. Anna Hanson, Chestnut St., Grayling, says: "Some years ago I had occasion to take a kidney medicine and as I had heard so much about Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box at Lewis' Drug store. They proved satisfactory, curing me of the complaint. I gladly advise the use of Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone who is troubled with a weak or lame back or irregular passages of the kidney secretions."

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Notice of Election.

To the qualified electors of the County of Crawford:

NOTICE is hereby given that a general primary election will be held in the several voting precincts of this County on Wednesday, the seventh of March, 1917 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Circuit Judge of the 34th Judicial circuit, for all political parties, as prescribed by act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1909.

In witness whereof I have hereto affixed my signature at Grayling, this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred seventeen.

2-15 W. H. Cody,

Sheriff of Crawford County.

Your Last Chance.

Recently we published in these columns an offer of The Youth's Companion and McCall's Magazine, both for a full year, for only \$2.10, including a McCall dress pattern. The high price of paper and ink has obliged McCall's Magazine to raise their subscription price February 1 to 10 cents a copy and 75 cents a year—so that the offer at the above price must be withdrawn.

Until March 31 our readers have the privilege of ordering both publications for a full year, including the choice of any 15 cent McCall dress pattern, for only \$2.10.

The amount of reading, information and entertainment contained in the fifty-two issues of The Youth's Companion and the value of twelve monthly fashion numbers of McCall's at \$2.10 offer a real bargain to every reader of this paper.

This two-at-one-price offer includes: 1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues. 2. The Companion Home Calendar for 1917.

3. McCall's Magazine—12 fashion numbers. 4. One 15-cent McCall dress pattern—your choice from your first copy of McCall's—if you send a two-cent stamp with your selection.

The Youth's Companion, 18-4 St. Paul St., Boston, Mass.

Try a package of Dr. Navaun's Kidney tablets. For sale at the A. M. Lewis drug store.

Notice.

We are making a special \$1.75 offer of a year's subscription to The Avalanche and to four standard magazines. This offer is open to all new or old subscribers. By subscribing to The Avalanche now you get \$1.35 worth of magazines for only 25c extra. The magazines are all high class and will make a valuable addition to the library of any home. We want to call your attention also to the free dress pattern that is given to each subscriber.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.

Don't Neglect The Kidneys.

Do you take a kidney tablet once in a while, the same as you do a cathartic? If you don't, you should, because the kidneys are blood filters and need cleaning themselves the same as your bowels. Dr. Navaun's Kidney Tablets are for this purpose and are for sale at Mr. Lewis' store. Samples will be sent on request by the Botanic Drug Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Through the new plan which the department of extension and Prof. L. H. Taft of the office of farmers' institutes have devised, those who attend the special course will be given a chance to dabble in the whole field of agriculture. One day each will be given to poultry, animal husbandry and dairying, soils and crops and horticulture. The farmers, upon assembling in the class room, will be lectured to by members of the faculty and experts from other schools.

Another feature will be a women's congress. This will take place at the same time the other sessions are in progress. Subjects pertaining to the realm of the housewife will be treated in the congress, which in reality will be a one-week's school for housewives and mothers.

The college is attempting to reach every farmer in the state with announcements of the approaching one-week college course. If it should so happen that the number who attend overflows the college, regular students will be given a holiday till the short-time students have "graduated."

PORT HURON WILL SELL COAL

Steps Taken to Secure Site for Municipal Yard.

Port Huron—Port Huron took the first step to solve the present coal situation when the city commission adopted a resolution instructing Commissioner Green to select a suitable site for a municipal coal yard.

At present the fuel for the water works, schools and other city departments is purchased from local dealers after bids have been received. One dealer has had the contract for several years. It is proposed to secure a site on the river so that coal can be brought to this city by boat for the city which will operate a municipal coal yard and supply fuel to the various departments.

It is also proposed to have a sufficient supply on hand to supply citizens at regular prices in case of coal famine and prevent them from being placed at the mercy of coal speculators.

MARRIED SIXTY-NINE YEARS

Believed That Charlotte Couple Hold Record for State.

Charlotte—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Miers, of this city, who celebrated their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary recently, are thought to have been married longer than any other couple in Michigan if not in the country. They are 83 and 85 years old, respectively, and have lived in Eaton county 49 years and in Charlotte 34 years, moving here from the Benton township farm to which they came from Ohio. Both were born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. Miers is a civil war veteran but has never applied for a pension.

Three times within a week windows in the Basch Jewelry Co. store, in Detroit have been broken with bricks. Watches and diamonds valued at \$1,200 have been stolen.

With 40 cents in his pocket, Samuel George, 33 years old, slapped his heels with his cane and began walking to Chicago. George said he had no ill feeling toward the Hamtramck relatives who had refused him a home, after he had walked from Pittsburgh to visit them. He still believes he has friends, and he will find them.

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OPPOSE FREIGHT INCREASE

Shippers of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio Enter Protest.

Detroit—Michigan shippers have joined with those of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois in the presentation of testimony, in opposition to a proposed general advance in all class rates in Central Freight association territory at a hearing held before Examiner Disque of the interstate commerce commission in Chicago.

The proposed freight increase would add from 3 to 4 cents per 100 pounds on all first class freight shipments.

Cut in a score of places about his head and body by sharp pieces of steel from a turbine engine that exploded in the Delray plant of the Detroit Edison company, Joseph Nassest, the engineer, died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rowan celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday. They moved to Petoskey 42 years ago when there were only ten white families. Each had been married previously and had one child. Mr. Rowan is 84 years old and Mrs. Rowan is 77.

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Washington—Because of the increase the cost of labor and material since the 1917 army budget was made up at the last session, Secretary Baker has submitted to the house a deficiency estimate of \$1,795,000 for ordinance stores and supplies.

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A Cascaret to-night straightens you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from any drug store means a clear head, sweet stomach and clean, healthy liver and bowel action for months. Children love Cascarets because they never gripe or sicken. Adv.

Clinched His Assertion.

"Anything new in the show?" asked the local manager. "Yes," answered the visiting agent. "The biggest supply of new songs, new faces, new jokes ever shown in captivity. Just to show you the trouble we've taken with that show, we've been collecting all that material for the last ten years."

HIGH COST OF LIVING

This is a serious matter with housekeepers as food prices are constantly going up. To overcome this, cut out the high priced meat dishes and serve your family more Skinkers, Macaroni and Spaghetti, the cheapest, most delicious and most nutritious of all foods. Write the Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb., for beautiful cook book, telling how to prepare it in a hundred different ways. It's free to every woman.—Adv.

Really Annoying.

"Well, that's enough to try the patience of Job!" exclaimed the village minister, as he threw aside the local paper.

"Why, what's the matter, dear?" asked his wife.

"Last Sunday I preached from the text 'Be ye, therefore, steadfast,'" answered the good man; "but the printer makes it read, 'Be ye there for breakfast.'"

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Girls! Try This! Makes Hair Thick, Glossy, Fluffy, Beautiful—No More Itching Scalp.

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A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy. Just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable luster, softness and luxuriance.

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that all you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine. Adv.

His Occupation. "What is man doing?" asked the customer, as he saw the clockmaker's assistant painting the hours on a clock face.

"Oh," replied the master, "he is simply making time."

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The Toilet. "Does a farmer have to work hard?" "Yep. But not as hard as the average person who has to buy what his farmers raise."

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Aviators attached to the Signal corps station at San Diego obtain weather reports.

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The whole universe is nothing but a trace of the divine goodness.—Dante.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong, sick women well, no alcohol. Sold in tablets or liquid.—Adv.

The custom of hand-shaking dates back to Henry II of England.

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Planned to Practically Cover a Four-Year Term in One Week—Will Be Held March 5 to 9.

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Through the new plan which the department of extension and Prof. L. H. Taft of the office of farmers' institutes have devised, those who attend the special course will be given a chance to dabble in the whole field of agriculture. One day each will be given to poultry, animal husbandry and dairying, soils and crops and horticulture. The farmers, upon assembling in the class room, will be lectured to by members of the faculty and experts from other schools.

Another feature will be a women's congress. This will take place at the same time the other sessions are in progress. Subjects pertaining to the realm of the housewife will be treated in the congress, which in reality will be a one-week's school for housewives and mothers.

The college is attempting to reach every farmer in the state with announcements of the approaching one-week college course. If it should so happen that the number who attend overflows the college, regular students will be given a holiday till the short-time students have "graduated."

PORT HURON WILL SELL COAL

Steps Taken to Secure Site for Municipal Yard.

Port Huron—Port Huron took the first step to solve the present coal situation when the city commission adopted a resolution instructing Commissioner Green to select a suitable site for a municipal coal yard.

At present the fuel for the water works, schools and other city departments is purchased from local dealers after bids have been received. One dealer has had the contract for several years. It is proposed to secure a site on the river so that coal can be brought to this city by boat for the city which will operate a municipal coal yard and supply fuel to the various departments.

It is also proposed to have a sufficient supply on hand to supply citizens at regular prices in case of coal famine and prevent them from being placed at the mercy of coal speculators.

MARRIED SIXTY-NINE YEARS

Believed That Charlotte Couple Hold Record for State.

Charlotte—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Miers, of this city, who celebrated their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary recently, are thought to have been married longer than any other couple in Michigan if not in the country. They are 83 and 85 years old, respectively, and have lived in Eaton county 49 years and in Charlotte 34 years, moving here from the Benton township farm to which they came from Ohio. Both were born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. Miers is a civil war veteran but has never applied for a pension.

OPPOSE FREIGHT INCREASE

Shippers of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio Enter Protest.

Detroit—Michigan shippers have joined with those of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois in the presentation of testimony, in opposition to a proposed general advance in all class rates in Central Freight association territory at a hearing held before Examiner Disque of the interstate commerce commission in Chicago.

The proposed freight increase would add from 3 to 4 cents per 100 pounds on all first class freight shipments.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS

Alienists have declared that Maxwell S. Tulin, of this city, Syracuse university student, who confessed to stealing from professors, stores and students, is insane.

Cut in a score of places about his head and body by sharp pieces of steel from a turbine engine that exploded in the Delray plant of the Detroit Edison company, Joseph Nassest, the engineer, died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rowan celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday. They moved to Petoskey 42 years ago when there were only ten white families. Each had been married previously and had one child. Mr. Rowan is 84 years old and Mrs. Rowan is 77.

Three times within a week windows in the Basch Jewelry Co. store, in Detroit have been broken with bricks. Watches and diamonds valued at \$1,200 have been stolen.

With 40 cents in his pocket, Samuel George, 33 years old, slapped his heels with his cane and began walking to Chicago. George said he had no ill feeling toward the Hamtramck relatives who had refused him a home, after he had walked from Pittsburgh to visit them. He still believes he has friends, and he will find them.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Owing to the coal shortage, the use of street lights was discontinued in St. Louis.

Non-partisan candidates will place the only ticket in the field at the spring election in Escanaba.

Mrs. John Sproul, of Lexington, 78 years old, died from blood poisoning, resulting from a cat scratch.

Dr. J. R. Dodge, city health officer and oldest physician in Hudson, is dead. He was a prominent Mason.

Clement L. LeBare, of Grand Rapids, 58 years old, state organizer and district deputy of the C. M. B. A., is dead.

Robert Donovan, former mayor of Charlotte and only democrat to serve two terms as sheriff in Eaton county, is dead.

Governor Sleeper has appointed Dr. J. C. Arnold, of South Haven as a member of the state board of dental examiners.

Sarah Bernhardt will come to Ann Arbor February 13 for a series of scenes before the Women's league of the university.

After hiccoughing continuously for 36 hours, O. R. Bueh, a traveling man residing in Big Rapids went to a hospital for treatment.

Lawyers of central Michigan oppose the bill backed by Detroit jurists to increase the pay of circuit court jurors from \$3 to \$5 a day.

Alderman Edward Warner, of Benton Harbor, and his partner, Leo J. Dwan, were convicted by a jury on a bootlegging charge.

"Visiting around" a necessity for a number of Oxford village residents who closed their homes because unable to purchase fuel.

Robert Donovan a Charlotte banker, 69 years old, died of heart disease. He was prominent in state fraternal circles, being an Odd Fellow, K. of P., Maccabees and Mason.

Col. William W. Cole, of Lansing, 64 years old, civil war veteran, is dead. He was publisher of newspapers in Dundee, St. Louis and Leslie. A widow and three daughters survive.

Mrs. Catherine Diehl, aged 78 years mother of State Representative Barney Diehl, died at her home in Mt. Clemens. She was a native of Ireland, but had lived here for more than half a century.

Jacob Norden, car inspector for the G. R. & L., has sued Dr. Paul Westrate of Grand Rapids, for \$5,000 damages, claiming the physician was negligent and unskillful in the treatment of one of his eyes.

Cracksmen dynamited the safe in the Romulus State bank after forcing the door. They failed to reach the currency in the upper part of the safe, and only got \$31 in coin, of which \$51 was pennies.

The Old Homestead at Constantine one of the last landmarks left of pioneer days, which has been a hostelry since 1846, has been sold. It will be torn down, its pillars going into the construction of an elevator.

The Andrews Asphalt Paving Co., of Hamilton, O., took a default judgment in circuit court against the village of Birmingham for \$16,103.48, the amount which the company alleged was the balance due on a paving job completed last year in Birmingham.

Otto Schaebe, who was arrested with several other grocers, of Pontiac, charged with giving short weight on potatoes, pleaded guilty in municipal court and was fined \$5. Mr. Schaebe said the trouble was due entirely to the carelessness of employees.

The board of supervisors of Midland county have, by a unanimous vote, adopted resolutions opposing the plan of steam railroad companies to have the legislature sanction an increase in passenger fares from two cents a mile to two and a half cents.

Warden Disque says the blinder twice output of Jackson prison will be ample for state farmers. Last year the output was 7,000,000 pounds, but this year it will be 12,000,000. The price will be higher than last year, as raw sisal now costs 16 1/2 cents a pound as compared with 7 cents last year.

Only two women in Detroit have been officially granted permits in the last six years to carry weapons. This record on file in the county clerk's office, however, does not include woman's old standby, the long, pointed hatpin that even in this age of modern devices now and then jabs into evidence in an ungentelemanly scuffle.

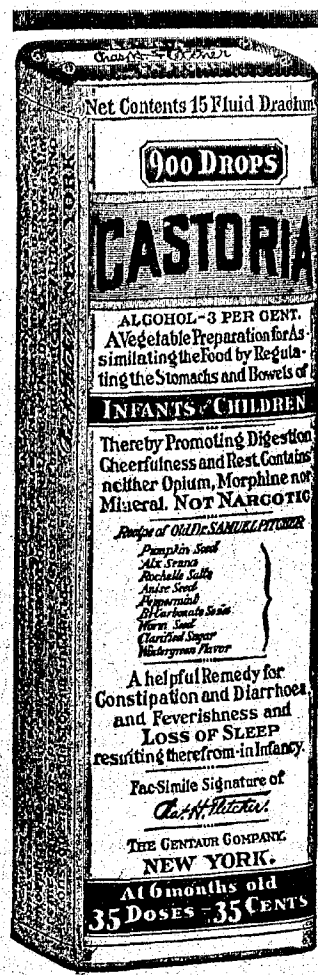
One hundred and nine thousand two hundred and twenty egg yolks were destroyed for use as food in the plant of the General Cold Storage Co., in Detroit. The yolks, valued by the owner, the Cornwell company, of Saginaw, at \$3,066, retail, became frozen in transit between Saginaw and Detroit. Eugene Berry, of the state dairy and food department, poured oil of tar over the yolks, denaturing them and rendering them worthless except for use in tanning leather.

Kalamazoo teachers have organized for a campaign for an increase in salary.

Frederick The Great, the champion high jumping horse of the United States army, has been brought to Jackson prison from army headquarters at San Antonio, Texas. The horse is owned and was trained by Capt. Disque, third United States cavalry, the new warden of the prison. The horse has won numerous prizes through the west and has the record in the army of clearing the rail at six feet nine inches.

Pontiac voted to bond itself for \$275,000 for an expansion of the water works to meet a condition which has been pronounced by city officials after a survey to be highly dangerous.

Mayor Marx of Detroit and Mayor Thompson of Chicago were invited to make addresses before the annual meeting and banquet of the Detroit-Chicago Highway association, to be held in Kalamazoo on the night of February 6. Provisions have been made for the accommodation of 350 good roads enthusiasts at the session.



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ANY CORN LIFTS OUT, DOESN'T HURT A BIT!

No foolishness. Lift your corns and calluses off with fingers—It's like magic!

Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or any kind of a corn, can harmlessly be lifted right out with the fingers if you apply upon the corn a few drops of freezone, says a Cincinnati authority.

For little cost one can get a small bottle of freezone at any drug store, which will positively rid one's feet of every corn or callus without pain.

This simple drug dries the moment it is applied and does not even irritate the surrounding skin while applying it or afterwards.

This announcement will interest many of our readers. If your druggist hasn't any freezone tell him to surely get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.—adv.

Still on the Job. Hyker—My wife's mother has been dying for the last five years. Pryor—And she isn't dead yet? Hyker—No, she's very much alive. You see, when her husband croaked he left her his dyehouse.

IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again. Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

A movement is under way to turn the vacant lots of New Orleans into vegetable gardens.

Constipation can be cured without drugs. Nature's own remedy—selected herbs—in Garfield Tea.—Adv.

The American farmer is the hope of the nation.

Why Rheumatism Comes With Cold Weather!

BY VALENTINE MOTT PIERCE, M. D.

A close connection exists between these two—cold weather and rheumatism. Prof. Alex. Haig, of London, has the most thorough in the medical profession in the belief that the pressure in the system of uric acid, or its salts in excess, is the real cause of rheumatism. Everyone has recognized the difference in the appearance of their water as soon as it gets cold; there is often a copious sediment of brook trout.

Several causes may lead up to an accumulation of uric acid in the system, which, in turn, causes rheumatism or gout, or cranky joints, or swollen fingers, or painful joints. For one reason the skin does not throw off the uric acid, by profuse sweating, as in the hot weather, and the kidneys are unable to take care of the double burden. Another reason

Translation. "What on earth did that fellow mean when he said he was a peregrinating pedestrian, castigating his itinerary from the classic Athens of America?" "He meant he was a tramp beating his way from Boston."

ACTRESS TELLS SECRET.

A well known actress gives the following recipe for gray hair: To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

Speechless amazement is one of the few things that go without saying.

